

Dementia Poem by Carlo T, Year 12 (March 2020)

When

When your eyes grow tired and vacant
When the clock ticks, but doesn't chime
And, instead of smiling, you only stare
As the cogs of your memory decline

When your youth succumbs to your age
And you're but a hollow husk of your prime
When the stories of old you once told
Are un-told again through time

When you look a stranger dead-in-the-eye
Unaware that he is your son
When your time together is lost forever
And the heartbreak can never be undone

When reality is a whisper in the wind
And when your body outlives your mind
When once there were gleams, but now are glares
For although you can see, you are blind

When yesterday was a decade ago
When the silence drowns the sound
You are lost in dementia's coils
And are waiting to be found